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The Lord's Day

The aged apostle John had been banished to a small Island off the coast of Asia Minor. The island was home to the region's worst criminals...rapists, murderers, thieves, and robbers...who had been sent there for confinement. This man of God would live the rest of his life among these outcasts. His crime? He kept talking about Jesus.

This godly saint said he was in the spirit "on the **Lord's day**" when Jesus appeared to him. The events, which followed, make up the final book of Sacred Scripture.

"**The Lord's day.**" A day with special meaning. A day set-aside for special purposes. The designation suggests that the Lord has a certain interest in this day. Why is this designation assigned to the first day of the week and to no other day?

Perhaps its significance is rooted in the fact that Sunday is the day of resurrection, the day of victory for the entire world. The day when Satan was mortally wounded. His plans were thwarted, his efforts to destroy the mission of Jesus were crushed. The grave could not hold our Savior. The stone over the tomb was rolled away and the angels cheered. Satan's celebration came to an abrupt halt. Fear must have silenced his laughter. The Son of God is alive!

Shortly afterward the followers of Jesus began assembling on this day. They broke bread together. They encouraged each other through mutual edification in worship. Their songs filled the chambers of heaven. Their prayers went up as a sweet aroma to the throne of Almighty God. And He listened. He heard the desires of their hearts. He was pleased with the melody of blended voices as He received their praise.

The day is still significant. It is still a day of celebration, of victory. A day when we gather to commune with our living Savior, Who alone gives us life. A day for edifying one another, supporting one another through the fellowship of a common love. A time when the weak have their burden's lifted and the downtrodden are given hope. A time for prayer...quiet prayer.

It is a special day, the **Lord's Day**. A time for putting all other activities aside while we assemble for worship. A day for contemplation and service. Every Lord's day. Not just when it is convenient, but every week we celebrate His victory on our behalf.

All over the world Christians observe the sacredness of this special day. From the darkest continent to the most advanced of nations Christians look back to that horrible rugged cross standing atop Calvary and forward to His glorious return.

The Lord's Day. A time for each of us to renew our commitments and draw strength from one another to face the challenges of all other days. It is a day for encouragement as we "stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24,25).

__ Al Behel

Food Contact For Month: Joyce Keyser. Contact Joyce if you wish to

Elder Contact for Month: Jim Anderson, Phone No. 924-1067

Sermon Topics: A.M - "A Man After God's Own Heart"; P.M. - "Lessons From Revelation: Patmos and Beyond"-No. 3- Rags To Riches

Interpreter for deaf and hearing impaired available for AM and PM worship

Our Known Sick

-Dez Anderson— continues to battle multiple health issues and her activity level is very limited. Keep praying...God is listening and answering.

-Sheryle Elkins—battling lung cancer. Had a PET scan recently that indicates the tumor continues to shrink. Keep praying. Her address is: 1383 Lake Front Drive, Dandridge, TN 37725.

-Polly Cline has macular degeneration in both eyes, requiring shots in her right eye. Let's keep her in prayer that her left eye will stabilize.

-Estlina Wilson is battling blood clots in her leg.

-Bill Greene—good to have him back with us.

-Hubert and Jean Compton—Hubert recovering from a fall and Jean battling heart issues.

-Cody Kihlberg—battling strep since before Thanksgiving, now dealing with immunodeficiency/bacterial infection. He is home.

-Pauline Swallows-has colon cancer. Please pray.

-Bill England-began radiation treatment for bone cancer on Tuesday.

Friends and Family News

-Mary Wagner, sister of Tina Yates, is facing radiation treatment for cancer. She lives in Arlington, TX.

-Mrs. Florence Tolliver is in Ft. Sanders Nursing Home, Rm 172. Her daughter, Rita Taylor from Kodak, has been visiting with us.

-Scotty Elkins, Tom and Deb's grandson, waiting results of liver tests performed on Wednesday.

-Christopher Howell-grandson of the Littletons-spinal cord injuries.

-Jerry Ellison, Brenda Scott's brother-in-law, failing lungs with no further treatment available.

-Tom Behel, Al's brother - slowly improving from post-operative stroke and broken femur. Still having minimal speech.

-Debbie Little, mother of one of Marti's students, is recovering from a brain aneurysm rupture. The family appreciates your prayers and cards. Their address is: Debbie, Randy, Michael, & Katie Little, 4152 Briggs Loop, Kodak, TN 37764. Please drop a note.

-Morris Fields, Leah Turner's uncle, is now home and will be seeing a cardiologist & pulmonologist soon. Home health is assisting him.

-Barbara Copley, friend of Bill England and Sheryle Elkins—

Exploring The Life of Joseph

*K-Teen, Winter Sunday School Fellowship Hall—9:30 a.m.
Teens as Teacher's Aids
Mark Haynes, Director*

Adult Class

Colossians—Al Behel

Times of Services

Sunday A.M.

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Sunday P.M. 6:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Building Fund

Loan balance as of 02/05/15 is **\$1,097,710.52**. Extra contributions to reduce the loan debt are needed and appreciated. Envelopes are available in the pew.

Nursery

Located across main foyer. Closed circuit TV allows viewing and participation in worship.

CDs and DVDs of Sermons are available free at sound booth. Also available on the website at: www.greatsmokymountainschurchofchrist.com.